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The magic of Christmas

Our photos of the Stanhope Christmas party, plus our annual greetings supplement, bring to life the spirit of the season



Embracing winter

Mitsunori Takao is taking advantage of the snow before he heads home to Japan

In Quotes

We can't just turn a blind eye when things like this happen. There are animals at the end of those chains.



Sheryl Loucks/TIMES

Jingle bells

Women from St. Paul's Anglican Church made a joyful sound as they marched through the Zion United Church reception hall during the 30th anniversary of Christmas In Canarvon. From left to right are Linda Levley on the triangle, Illa Cooper playing that comb and Yvonne Hogg letting loose on the tambourine.

Property sale goes through despite neighbours' concerns

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

After three deputations, lengthy discussion and a little disagreement among councillors, a local businessman has officially bought 40 acres of property from Minden Hills.

to build a recycling facility on Highway 121 near Kinmount.

Jim Garbutt, who was in good spirits after the council meeting, bought the property from the township for \$21,500 with the intention of building a recycling facility to handle recyclable material from the township.

He said he was happy that council passed the bylaw but the project "wasn't out of the woods yet."

The development proposal and subsequent sale of the land was controversial with neighbouring property owners.

Against the sale of the land was Frank Colicchia, who lives right beside the proposed recycling facility, and Carol Marino and Ray Kettlewell who live just over 600 feet from the property line.

The neighbours made deputations to council at the December 12 meeting, arguing that council should not pass a bylaw authoriz-

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A SAD TALE

Animal Hospital has no choice but to put down abused dog

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

A stray hound, likely the victim of abuse, was found clinging to life late earlier this month, desperately licking the residue of a discarded chip bag along Highway 121 close to Kinmount.

Alone, eyes sunken, with a broken hind leg and parasites roaming through his body, both internally and externally, the 10-month-old male, white/caramel hound wasn't just starving, he was wasting away to a mere skeletal frame - no more than just skin and bones, a registered veterinary technician with the Minden Animal Hosp-

ital says.

Lizzie Kovach, who was working when the hound was brought to the clinic, said she was horrified and felt sick to her stomach when she first saw the animal.

"Oh my God, I've never seen anything like that in my life," says Kovach, who has worked at the clinic for six years. "The dog was so graphically thin that it was almost impossible to imagine there was a soul in there."

The dog, who didn't have a name, weighed in at 22 pounds, less than half the weight of a healthy medium-sized dog of the same breed. Kovach says the

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Be careful where you park in Minden

Council steps up enforcement for illegal use of disabled spots

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 12 meeting of Minden Hills council.

If you're not disabled and you get caught parking in a disabled parking spot in Minden Hills, you could be on the hook for \$300, or more.

Now that the Ontario Disability Act has been ratified by the provincial government, the township's bylaw officers will be out in full force, said Chief Building Official Fraser MacDonald.

The minimum penalty for misusing a parking spot earmarked for persons with disabilities will be \$300. Individuals with proper identification, or designated by the province as being disabled with the necessary documentation, will not be fined.

The township wants to get the message out misusing those spots, as well as idling, will not be tolerated.

"People who choose to park in those spots who shouldn't be should be paying a fine," said Councillor Bill Obee. "The fines have always been there."

Enforcement of the handicap parking by-law prior to the changes in the provincial laws was "hit and miss," said Bylaw Officer Doug Schell.

Before the passage of the ODA, anyone caught parking in a handicap spot got a standard \$15 fine. The new act will be enforced more strictly now because it's a provincial statute, Schell said.

The township is investigating if it is able to post signs next to parking spots designed for people with disabilities, clearly defining how the fines work.

Awards

Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron was

given a plaque from members of council. After serving the municipality since 1986, Cameron has accepted a new position in the Township of Severn. Council thanked Cameron for his work at the township.

Winter fun night

Council hopes to be part of a winter fun day held in Minden.

A bonfire, barbeque, tube run and other activities took place during the one-evening event and the Lion's Club, who assisted with the event last year, said they were willing to help run the event again this year, if council was willing.

Reeve Ross Rigney said he tasted some of the best chilli at the fun night during the chilli contest.

"I'd like to see it done again," he said.

Altogether the night of fun cost council around \$300.

2003 Election

As of January 2, nominations will be open for the 2003 election, said acting CAO Twyla Nicholson.

She asked council to confirm the use of vote by mail-in ballot this election.

Councillor Peter Oyler said the mail-in ballot offers convenience for ratepayers.



Darren Lum/TIMES

Snowy slide

Adrienne Gnit, an HHSS student, spun off the road, travelling westbound on Hwy. 121 on her way to Haliburton at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 6. Gnit was unhurt in the single-vehicle accident which left her car on the opposite side of the road pointing eastbound.

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Don Booth retires but will never leave

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

If you've ever seen a red Township of Minden Hills truck trekking between the water plant on Main Street and the wastewater treatment facility on Deep Bay Road, then you've likely seen Don Booth.

The long-time Minden resident made the memorable trip at least nine or ten times a day in his capacity as treatment operator of the two facilities. But as of earlier this month, the truck has ceased to travel as often. After 15 years with the municipality, Booth has packed up his chemical analysis kit and retired.

"If they need me, I'm just down the street," Booth said recently, wearing a cap and jacket with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) logo on them. While he will miss his time with the municipality, Booth looks forward to spending more time on his hobbies, such as fixing small engines and woodworking.

Booth has become an expert on Minden's water system. In fact, there likely isn't a single question about the system that would throw him for a loop.

Not only does he know all the ins and out of the water and wastewater system in Minden and how and why every valve, pipe or drain works, he can also tell you the entire history of how the water system came to be. "I was raised drinking water right from the river," Booth says.

At first he thought he would be bored working at the wastewater facility and he was worried because at the time he didn't know the metric system.

Over time he took courses to learn about the system, and earned four licences that would permit him to collect sewage, to treat sewage and return it to natural water, to take water and treat it and to distribute water through the system.

He learned a lot about the system by "doing it," he says.

Booth first came to Minden at the ripe age of eight, and says he fell in love with the town right away.

He grew up working alongside his father, Reg, a former councillor in Minden, repairing small engines and outboards, and also worked with his dad at a family-owned marina on Highway 35. Back in those days his father and several other prominent residents in Minden lobbied council for proper water and wastewater facilities in Minden to protect their families from the river water, since horses and other farm animals could be seen roaming right beside the Gull waterway.

"I guess I continued in his footsteps," Booth said.

While he was learning and working with his father, Booth was a volunteer at the Minden Fire Department. He joined the fire department because of a propane explosion that nearly took his life.

"I was so afraid of fire [after the explosion] that my brother-in-law told me to learn about it," Booth says. "I had to learn respect for fire. If you understand anything and you know how it works, then you know how to attack it."

His determination paid off. Booth eventually served as Fire Chief for eight years.

He has seen a lot of change happen with the system over his 15 years with the township. Most of the changes came post Walkerton.

He went from conducting chemical analysis at the water station once every 10 years, as per provincial regulations, to doing them four times a year.

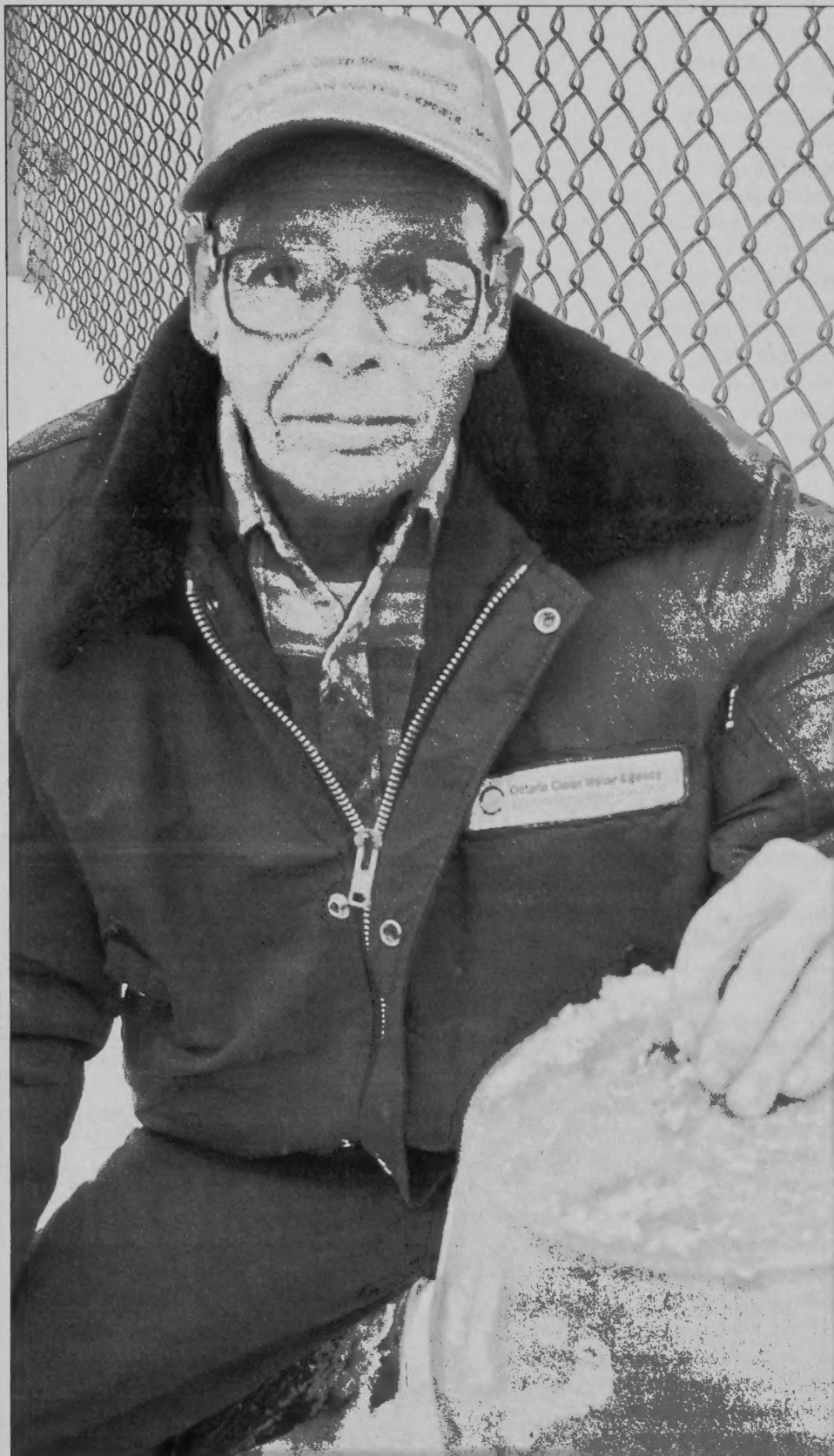
"We have way more testing to do daily, weekly, monthly and yearly," he said.

Booth says he worked hard, often dropping by the two facilities on weekends.

"Maybe I over did it," he says. "But water-borne disease is a world threat. You can kill a nation with poor water and I drink the water in Minden myself, so I had to over do it."

He says that residents in Minden are lucky to have such excellent water.

"I see the sewage come in and go out clean," he says, in a process that takes around 18 hours. "You can hold up a glass



Don Booth knows everything about the water that flows into Minden homes.

and see the clear water right through it. It's beautiful, so natural.

"In my books the water is as good as anywhere in the world."

In many ways Booth says the checks and balances at the facilities are a bit overdone, but that if the added tests help reassure people that the water is safe, than it's worth it.

The township hadn't decided if they would replace Booth as the technical operator at the two facilities. OCWA continues to monitor the system daily.

Calling his career "mixed-up," Booth says he is looking forward to retiring in a community that embraced him and his family.

"It's my home, it's where I belong."

Food bank ensures everyone has a special Christmas

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

A little generosity can go a long way for families in need at Christmas time.

Last year, one of the people who called the Minden food bank for help almost cried when she heard that some generous soul had donated Christmas trees.

"People were really delighted [with the trees]," says Mary Hicks, who once again is helping organize the food bank's Christmas hamper program.

Families who are in financial difficulties at this time of year are so worried about

putting food on the table that a Christmas tree seems like an unattainable luxury.

That's where the community can really make a difference in their lives. Donations of food, money and things, such as Christmas trees put the joy back in the season.

Friday was the deadline for applying for a food hamper. More than 130 families are reaching out for help.

About two-thirds of the people who asked for help had families to support.

Most people who phone for help are extremely grateful for the food bank, and the community's generosity, Hicks says.

"They'd rather not have to ask for help."

Some of the people who have called this year have been laid off. Others can't afford food on top of their rent and utilities costs.

Luckily, the community is there for them.

"The community has been wonderful. They've really responded well," says Hicks.

By early last week, the food bank had received almost \$5,000 in donations, including \$1,500 from Minden Hills.

"We're very grateful," says Jim Hicks, another volunteer.

Cash donations allows the food bank to purchase items that they know families need. The money also allows them to purchase toys for children of specific ages, toys that will accompany the hampers.

Even though the deadline for hampers has passed, there's still the need for donations.

"At the end we always get a few emergencies or there's a fire," Hicks says.

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Farmers' market wants to move to river

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Members of the Farmer's Market Association have visions of the Gull River dancing in their heads.

Jean Schlicklin-Tyler approached Minden Hills council last week, requesting a change of venue for the ever-expanding market.

Right now the market is at the Village Green on Main Street just beside the CIBC bank building, and is open on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. Next summer the association would like to move the farmer's market alongside the Gull River.

"There is more space to grow and there is room for more people to shop," she said.

While there is sufficient space at the Village Green, Schlicklin-Tyler said she found that people couldn't find the market easily.

A giant tree located right in front of the

green space also blocked the market from the passing public.

Schlicklin-Tyler said the association is open to other options but wanted council to consider the move. She also asked if council would consider shutting down portions of roadway as well.

Council was receptive to the change of location but didn't seem to agree with shutting down road access in the high summer season.

"We have a lovely setting with the river running right through town," said Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon.

"There's a lot of merit to looking at moving the market to the river. We can't shut down the road though," he said, agreeing with Councillor Bill Obee.

The other issue at hand for Schlicklin-Tyler is permanent signage for the market.

She asked council to consider allowing the association to post permanent signs throughout the year, helping them to advertise the market's location.

The word for last year's farmer's market was growth, Schlicklin-Tyler said.

"We grew vegetables and we grew farmers," she said with a smile.

More advertising and various web-sites have helped propel the market forward.

"As we develop, more and more people will come," she said.

Next year, the association plans on advertising more, as well as working closely with the local businesses and looking into the possibility of coupons and/or raffles.

"Last year was a successful year," Schlicklin-Tyler said. "We would like it to continue."



Darren Lum/TIMES

School board gets extra \$9-million

Haliburton-Victoria-Brock MPP Chris Hodgson announced that students in this area will benefit from increased funding for local school boards.

"The Eves government is keeping its promise to invest in quality education," Hodgson said. "We've increased funding yet again to help local schools ensure our children receive the education they need to succeed."

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board will receive increased funding esti-

mated at \$9,042,977. That includes: \$5,363,413 for special education; \$3,379,433 to salary benchmarks to support a positive and stable learning environment for students; and \$300,131 for student transportation.

School boards will receive a further increase in special education funding once the government has the final results of a review of the Intensive Support Amount funding approach, which is expected to conclude at the end of December.

A family Christmas

MPP Chris Hodgson, with wife Marie and daughters Caroline and Charlotte, hosted his annual Christmas open house at the Bonnie View Inn on Saturday, Dec. 7. His two sons were absent due to hockey. His constituents greeted his family at the afternoon event.

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Happy 60th

Don and Edith Burch celebrate six decades of married life at reception

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

In 1942 Don and Edith Burch were married and began a journey that 60 years later led them to the Zion United Church in Canarvon, where they are well known for their kind and generous contributions and participation.

The couple's 60th anniversary party was held recently in the church's reception hall and many family and friends were able to attend. The couple's three children Wendy, Brad and Rodger were all able to come making it a special family occasion.

The trio commented on how tough it was to find 60th anniversary cards and decorations; some catalogues did not even have any listed for this truly rare diamond anniversary. Cards and letters came from the Queen and various other political dignitaries.

"We get along just fine," Don says with a smile for his wife. The look, more than the five simple words, said volumes about

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES



Don and Edith Burch reflect back on 60 years of marriage at a reception in their honour the Zion United Church in Canarvon.

why the couple has successfully cohabited for more than half a century.

They met in high school in Newmarket and married after he entered the army. When he left the services they operated a store in Eudora and moved to the Boshkung Lake area in 1977.

The couple moved here because he had a sister in Haliburton County and his brother, the late Dr. Leonard Burch, was a veterinarian in Minden. When asked why the couple chose to stay after the relations passed on and their own children settled

elsewhere, Don shrugs and says, "home is where you make it, isn't it?"

Those who play cards with the couple, work with Edith in the United Church Women's group, have enjoyed Don's legendary woodworking and harmonica playing in the band the Grandfather's Four, or served with him in Rotary are grateful they decided to stay. Friends and family alike will also tell you the place just would not be the same without Don's sense of humour.

"He loves to hear jokes and is always one for telling stories," says his sister, Alberta Turnbull.

She was only nine years old when the couple were wed, and over the years has grown to admire their marriage. She asked her sister-in-law what years were the happiest of her married life and "Edith replied 60."

"That's something, eh? To say all 60 years have been the happiest of your life," says Turnbull.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

No action = bad reaction

Leaders of the former municipalities of Victoria County can shoulder much of the blame for the dissatisfaction that exists over the formation of the City of Kawartha Lakes. Instead of taking a proactive stand early in the process of amalgamation, they allowed a commissioner to come in from outside their county and make the decisions for them.

Had Victoria County's elected officials worked co-operatively to come up with a made in Victoria County solution, they wouldn't be faced with demands for a referendum on whether to keep the current system of government, revert back to the old system or find a new alternative.

They certainly wouldn't be saddled with a county that goes by the moniker City of Kawartha Lakes.

Haliburton County may be accused of being a little slow of the mark, but the community leaders recognized, before it was too late, that the unpopular idea of amalgamation wouldn't go away if it was ignored.

There are many here in Haliburton County who believe that a one-tier system of local government is a better alternative than four municipalities as well as a county government. But they were able to compromise and get the job done without any intervention by a commissioner.

It's unfortunate that so many taxpayers in the City of Kawartha Lakes can't accept the commissioner's decision. If the referendum goes in favour of reverting back to the old system, with both county and municipal governments, or some system other than what's in place now, who is going to pay the costs to change the system yet again?

Opponents of amalgamation argue that there has been very little or no benefits to the amalgamation of several municipalities into the City of Kawartha Lakes. Many resent the fact that they have lost their identity. Residents of Norland, Kinmount and other small communities within CKL find it especially loathsome – whether it's true or not – that some of their tax dollars go toward sidewalks and street lights in Lindsay.

The lack of action back then is responsible for the negative reaction since the amalgamation.

Don't get burned

A fire can be a devastating experience.

It seems every year at about this time, somebody loses their home to a fire.

The desire to decorate a home for the holiday season can overtax electrical systems, creating a fire hazard. Stoking the fire for that little extra warmth and forgetting to adjust the damper or burning that wrapping paper could cause a chimney fire. That drowsiness that goes with a few holiday libations has been known to make a smoker nod off and set the furniture ablaze with a lit cigarette.

There are so many ways that a fire could get started, but there are an equal number of ways to prevent them.

So, be especially vigilant. We don't want to report any readers or homes lost to fire this holiday season.

Here's hoping all our news this Christmas season is good news.

Our condolences

The members of the staff of *The Times* extend our sincere condolences to Phil Graham, whose wife of more than 50 years, Jane Caldwell Graham, died on Wednesday, December 4.

Phil, our local weather expert, is well known to our readers as the author of a monthly summary of the weather for Minden and the surrounding area, which has been a feature in *The Times* for many years.

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Frosty pine

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Thanks from the Food Bank

To the Editor:

The Minden Christmas Basket 2002 program is again assisting families in our community. Over the past years, we have helped families and brightened Christmas for many children because of the generosity of this community which is so caring. This year is no exception!

The support of the toy drive with Linda Hopkins at the LCBO is awesome. The assistance Barry Cray and family at Monk's Funeral Home is amazing. The Christmas Trees donated by Tom Knapp and Joe Bowman will allow many Children to have a special Christmas. The service clubs of our Community are always generous. The employees at Hydro One really assisted our Toy Drive. The Angel Trees at each of the local banks are a sign of hope and we appreciate their commitment to help our community. The

wonderful help of Betty and Nick Jochim to help pick up the food and toys is appreciated. To everyone who has supported the Christmas Basket program...in whatever way...Thank you.

We still have a week before we send out the baskets, so if you still wish to help please do so with a toy for a child or food for the Christmas Basket.

The baskets through the 4Cs in Haliburton are given out on Saturday December 21 and in Minden on Monday December 23.

On behalf of all of us here at the Food Bank and the Christmas Baskets have a very Merry Christmas season.

Ron Reid

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Big shoes to fill

In case you hadn't heard, it was recently revealed that Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, was none other than a tall woman in an ape suit. Aside from the fact that a young boy's fantasies live on, there's a lesson to be learned here too.

It all began when relatives of the late Ray Wallace of California divulged this revelation shortly after he died last month. They say that Ray somehow convinced his wife, Elna, to don the disguise and walk around in oversized wooden feet. I don't know about you, but I find this heart-warming. A love story like this doesn't come around every day. Elna was obviously the gorilla of his dreams.

Oh, I'm sure that there are some who would say that Ray probably took advantage of Elna's devotion and made sport of her and the rest of the world. But that just shows how cynical some people are. I mean here is a working stiff who goes out of his way to adorn his wife in custom-made shoes and furs from head to toe. Yet despite this, some people still pass judgment. If Elna is the victim here,

as some suggest, then why did she take every available opportunity to show off Ray's generous gift in frequent walks around the beautiful and isolated north woods?

Sure, I'll concede that Mr. Wallace must have been one slick talker. I couldn't even persuade my wife to wear the Viking helmet and breast plates that I rented on our last anniversary. Of course, it wasn't exactly an ape suit, but it's the thought that counts. You'd think she would have considered that instead of making a scene when I presented them to her at that fancy restaurant. Talk about embarrassing.

I'm guessing that Wallace was a man among men – King of the House and Lord of All He Surveyed. There's no doubt who wore the pants in that family. Even if Elna had wanted to, there would-

n't have been much chance of her getting them on over the ape suit and big feet. Yes, those were simpler times.

But all that's beside the point. Once you get past the media frenzy and hurt feelings about highly educated anthropologists being duped since 1958, I think we need to recognize that Ray Wallace was one of those rare men who actually knew how to buy original and thoughtful gifts for a woman.

An ape suit? Hand-carved giant wooden feet? Who else would have thought of such timeless and classic gifts? Wallace should be hailed as an inspiration



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Steve Galea

to us all.

Even now, when I'm wandering aimlessly through department store aisles looking for that perfect gift for my wife, I think to myself, "What would Ray

Wallace do?" And though I don't even possess a fraction of his good taste or sensitivity, now I try just a bit harder.

Before this, my gifts were boring and impersonal. Oh sure, the jungle gym and the tire swings were a step in the right direction but they lacked that delicate touch that Wallace strived for.

Perhaps it is Wallace's legacy that men like me are now inspired to go out on a limb and buy something with a peel. Since my wife might read this column I'm not exactly at liberty to divulge her gift. Suffice it to say, that, the other day, when we were sharing a banana split and watching a nature show on the large primates, I noticed that Carol was fascinated by their sleek coats. And don't think I missed that comment about her shoes being too tight either. Yes sir, I've been listening.

I can hardly wait until she opens that gift on Christmas morning. Let's just say when she sees it, she'll go ape – bananas even.

At the sign of the Red Rooster

I'm not one for name dropping, but...I just had breakfast with Jack Nicholson.

Well, sorta. Down at the Red Rooster. You know it? Man, if you have to think about it for even a nanosecond, you've never been there. It's a small restaurant just off the Trans Canada highway, roughly half-way between the cities of Victoria and Nanaimo – or half-way between the towns of Duncan and Chemainus, if you want to get nit-picky. Doesn't look like much from the outside, but once you're through the door you're in a whole new world.

Not so much a world as a chicken coop. Oh, the place is clean and bright, with your standard arborite tables and counters, but the décor... well, I don't know who owns the joint but whoever it is, they've got a serious case of Roosterphilia.

The room is awash with embroidered roosters, sculptured roosters, painted, carved, crocheted and knitted roosters. There are rooster calendars, rooster salt and pepper shakers, the napkin holders are cardboard rooster cutouts and the serviettes come embossed with, but of course, roosters. I can't speak for the women's facilities but in the men's john I had to conduct my business under the stern beak of a walleyed rooster embroi-

dered on a cloth hanging behind the toilet.

I manfully resisted the urge to ask my waitress the obvious question: why roosters. I figured I'd wait until she told me. She never did, but she let drop a few other chicken mc nuggets – such as the fact that the Red Rooster's been slinging hash at the same location since 1956, plus the fact that 'the rooster thing' has pretty much gotten out of control. Customers have caught the disease too. They've brought in rooster memorabilia from pretty well every province and state in North America, not to mention Africa, Portugal, Britain, Holland, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Guatemala and Chile.

People have to drive a bit to get to the Red Rooster, but the parking lot always seems to be busy whenever I show up. And a lot of the customers are old-timers. In fact, three of the booths have permanent screwed-on signs on them. They read ELMER'S SEAT, BERT'S SEAT and

ERNIE'S SEAT. "They're all in their nineties" my waitress explains. "Been coming in here forever."

I think I know why. Having breakfast or lunch at The Red Rooster is the polar opposite of the eating experience you get at a McDonald's, a Harvey's or a Denny's. No antiseptic, one-size-fits-all atmosphere here. The place is folksy and homey and the rooster knick-knacks and gewgaws cover the walls and every available space. On your way out, you can buy hot loaves of homemade bread, jars of raspberry jam, or fresh apple and pumpkin pies. The coffee pot is 'bottomless' and they serve up old-fashioned ultra-creamy milkshakes stirred on



ARTHURBLACK

Columnist

a whiney old pea-green milkshake machine and served in those battered aluminum jars that I haven't seen since Stompin' Tom was a pup.

You'll need a milkshake and a coffee to wash down the House Special, should you order it.

The House Special? I was afraid you'd

ask. It's Maryland Chicken (of course). The menu describes it as breast of chicken with fried banana, gravy, bacon and a corn fritter.

For dessert you get a complimentary card with the Emergency Hotline number for the Duncan Hospital Cardiac Unit embossed on it. But The Red Rooster doesn't need me to sing its praises. It's already been discovered by Hollywood. Remember the movie Five Easy Pieces with Jack Nicholson? Remember the classic scene where he orders a chicken sandwich that isn't on the menu? And he goes mano a mano with the wolverine waitress – and wins? Well, guess what restaurant that happened at – The Red Rooster! I remember spotting the restaurant sign a couple of decades ago when I first saw the movie. I asked my waitress if I could sit in the booth where Jack Nicholson sat. She smiled as she topped up my coffee. "Not in this restaurant, honey." "Whaddya mean" I said. "I saw the Red Rooster sign right up on the screen." "That's right" said the waitress. "The exterior of the restaurant was in the movie, but for the waitress scene, they used a Denny's down the street." Too bad for Jack. He doesn't know what he missed.

The waste of our money continues

To the Editor:

Thank you for the excellent editorial in this week's *Times* on Allan Rock's stupid, wasteful gun registry. You and I and thousands of other gun owners knew how stupid it was from the outset, but how could any ordinary citizen foresee the waste of tens of millions of our tax dollars for nothing?

Unfortunately, the feds are flinging our money in every way possible from the huge, often unidentified grants of Jane Stewart's department to the millions spent on untended advertising. If Paul

Martin does not soon take over, our country may never recover.

It would be great if the waste were only at the Ottawa level but Mike Harris has pretty well destroyed our education and Hydro as well as forcing unneeded amalgamations and downloading of everything he couldn't get rid of.

Ernie Eves has been trying to emulate Bill Davis but the latest report on rehiring fired civil servants as high paid "consultants" is pretty hard to defend.

A few days ago, the Toronto Sun had a

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

cartoon with Jean, Ernie and Mel [Lastman] all flushing tax dollars down toilets. The Sun generally defends the Tories but their Financial Editor had an article on the "Eves Trough."

Unfortunately, there is no opposition at either the federal or provincial level. God help us all.

Sincerely,
Bill Valentine
Moore's Falls

Christmas should be celebrated in many ways

To the Editor:

Re: "Tis the season (November 25, 2002)

For the past five years, our family has spent the Christmas holiday at the cottage, away from the Greater Toronto Area. Minden always looks fabulous during the Christmas season with the town decorated and usually lots of snow. Main

see LET page 8

Let everyone celebrate

from page 7

Street looks like it could be on the front of a Christmas card.

We got out to our back bush to find a tree, even if it does resemble a Charlie Brown tree. It's the thought put into finding it and decorating it with lots of hand-crafted decorations, some 50-years-old. Boxing Day is spent outside with friends around the bonfire, not fighting the crowds at the downtown malls.

Your editorial spoke volumes. ALL Canadians should be entitled to celebrate the holidays of your own religion and not alter the words just to suit other people.

E. Anne Stephens
Bob Lake

Theft a 'kick in the pants'

To the Editor:

Well the seasons change and also the pranks. Tuesday November 26 between 1 p.m and 10 p.m. while I was in my house and our truck was out of the driveway, someone removed the bulb from my flood lights. This, one would say, is a small thing, but it was also a small thing when my gnomes went missing over the summer - until so many gnomes started disappearing all over town.

I enjoy Christmas and I like putting out Christmas lights. This sure gives you a kick in the pants. Hope the pair who left their footprints in the snow had fun.

Zelda Cooper

PS I held this letter to be nice, but my second bulb was removed Dec. 5. Thanks guys for the footprints again.

Heart attack survivor says thanks for help

To the Editor,

A large thank-you goes out to the firefighters of Stanhope and Minden Hospital Ambulance Service for their immediate response when I was having a heart attack at my home on Lake Kushog on October 10th at 9:25 a.m. The firemen arrived about three minutes after the call, followed shortly by Minden ambulance. I was transferred from the Minden emergency to Peterborough's regional health centre, and finally to Sunnybrook hospital in Toronto where I received a triple heart bypass which was very successful. Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you for the wonderful and life saving care I received at all three hospitals by all nurses, doctors and emergency workers.

Milton A Sheppard
Minden

Minden looks beautiful

To the Editor,

I would like to congratulate Anne Neave on all the hard work she has done in decorating Minden's Main Street with lights and trees, etc. this year. I have driven through at night and it looks beautiful for Christmas.

Merrie Barry
West Guilford

Amended assessment 'much more reasonable'

To the Editor:

Thank you for the articles in the November 26 *Echo* and the December 9 *Times* about assessment. They were very informative and clearly explained my concern about the huge jumps in the assessed values of local properties.

As an update: all of those people whose figures I was discussing in the article, including myself, received an amended assessment, which is much more reasonable.

There was no explanation as to the amendment, so we do not know whether it was because we all applied for reconsideration, or because there was a gremlin in the system which over-assessed us, or whether it was due to your article bringing the injustice to someone's attention.

Whichever it was, thank you for writing about it.

Judy Neimann
Drag Lake

Reg Blomfield's relatives sought

To the Editor:

We are looking for the relatives of Reg Blomfield, who was a canoeist of much fame in the 1920s -1940s. He was the youngest of the Blomfield children. (C. J. was the "Company Secretary" for the Canada Land and Emigration Company). We are looking for the "present-day" family and Reg. Blomfield's family in particular.

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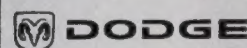
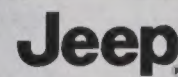
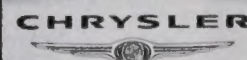


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Council says neighbours will act as facility's watchdog

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ing the purchase and sale of the land.

Colicchia, who practises organic farming, said the proposed development is not compatible with his business.

"I really don't want this going through," he said, concerned about diminished water quality and increased noise. "My farming will be down the tubes if this goes through."

Marino and Kettlewell say the development would contravene both the Lutterworth Official Plan, which is currently in use, as well as the Minden Hills draft OP.

"I have seen no evidence that will convince me that there will be no adverse effects," Marino said.

She reminded the township that regulations and bylaws are a municipal responsibility and "the township must obey them."

The couple was also concerned about diminished property values, pollution, damage to a major watershed which they say runs underneath the industrial land and the potential contamination of their well 850 feet from the property line.

Kettlewell said there are 31 homes which would be affected. He suggested that the recycling facility could be opened on an existing landfill site instead.

Planning Administrator Brendan Berube

told council that there was no reason, from a zoning and planning standpoint, why the proposal shouldn't proceed.

The land has been zoned M1 industrial for over 20 years.

The zoning bylaw therefore is the legal document in place, Berube said, and not the official plan - which acts more as a policy guideline for the township.

He said there were certain rules and regulations that a licensed operator of the facility must follow, and it was the owner's responsibility to ensure those regulations were followed accordingly.

There are no governing bodies to oversee and ensure that rules and regulations are followed at the facility.

Reeve Ross Rigney said that neighbours would likely act as the checks and balances for the township.

The idea to develop the 40 acres of land started at a Minden Hills council meeting in late August. Dave Sadler of Harding Iron and Metal approached council with a proposal to buy the property.

Before the township agreed to sell the land, it declared the property surplus and advertised the land for sale.

Garbutt's tender won the bid. There was one other tender for mini storage units.

While they aren't partners right now, Garbutt did say that he could act as Sadler's landlord for a proposed salvage

yard in the future, adding that nothing was definite.

Council initially said the sale of the property was positive for the municipality, not only by generating a taxes, but also by bringing development to the township.

Council also discussed the possibility of dealing with the bylaw in closed session.

Acting CAO Twyla Nicholson said that bylaws are discussed in open council.

The discussion was kept in open council, where councillors had several questions for Berube about guarantees and assurances against potential environmental pollution, as well as guarantees that recyclable materials from outside the municipality would not end up there.

Berube said there were no guarantees.

"There could always be accidents," he said. "I can't give you a 100 per cent guarantee."

In a recorded vote, Councillors Bill Valentine and Peter Oyler voted against the bylaw.

Valentine said the whole idea of a recycling facility scared him.

He said he was on Lutterworth council when the land was zoned industrial.

"None of us imagined a recycling facility, we were thinking of more light industry going in there," he said. "It puts a whole different aspects on things when we starting talking about the environment.

It scares me."

Oyler said the goal of the township's OP was to strike harmony between the environment and the economy.

"At the time of the sale, on the surface it all looked okay," he said, adding that the deputations presented compelling arguments. "If you don't have the environment then you don't have the economy of any kind. People stop coming to the area."

On the other side of the argument, Councillor Ingram Wessell said he was a man of his word. "We made a resolution and passed it. Mr. Garbutt will have to prove himself to us now."

Wessell said that knowing what he knows now he likely wouldn't have voted in favour of the development in the first place, but would continue to support the sale and keep his word.

"What I find discouraging is sending out another message saying that everything can be stopped," Rigney said.

The site plan is the next step for Garbutt.

Rigney said he plans on striking a tough site plan to address council's concerns.

"If we don't agree, we simply won't approve the site plan and I presume the deal will die."

Garbutt said he would like to see the development get off the ground within the next six months.

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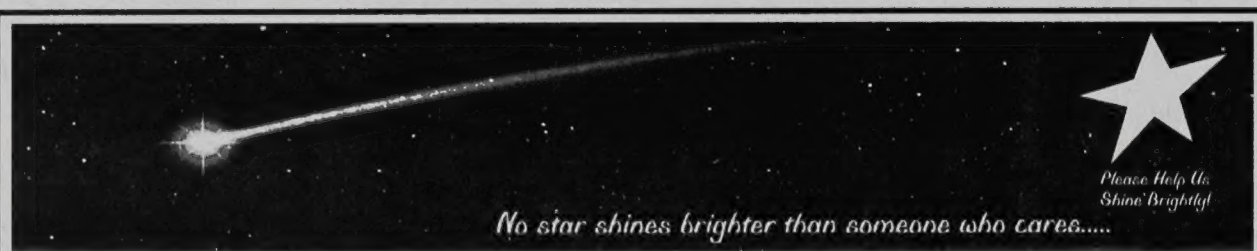
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Environmental committee to be revamped after decision by county

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

The mood was upbeat as the members of the County Advisory Committee on the Environment recently met for the last time in that capacity.

The committee, known as CACE, is being restructured in the new year by Haliburton County council and a call will go out for volunteers to sit on that committee at that time, with present members invited to re-apply. Many at the table did not express an interest in doing so. Instead they are keen on forming a new, independent group that will continue to investigate environmental issues.

Heather Ross, the chair, reported she had received no official communication from the county about CACE or its status and they were relying on media reports to ascertain their status. She said it was safe to assume though that CACE as it has existed is being "dissolved."

There was some discussion about how the group should proceed with a few people designated to investigate options such as gaining charitable status, incorporating as a non-profit and getting director's insurance. Everyone else was sent home with a list of questions about what type of structure and



This picture was taken at the last meeting of the County Advisory Committee on the Environment, known as CACE. A new committee is being formed in the New Year. Front row: Jeanne Anthon, Heather Ross, Carolyn Coburn. Middle, Mieke Foster and Lorraine Smith. Back: Don Smith, Jerry Hunnius, Valerie Hunnius, Hilary Brown, Stephen Foster, Jack Bateman, Paul Burns and Brian Cross.

organization, membership and status they would like to have, with a few jokes being tossed around with regard to a new name.

The rest of the meeting proceeded as per usual, highlighted by a report from Paul Heaven about the wetland mapping project he is undertaking in Muskoka and Haliburton County. The project involves using modern global positioning technology to map wetlands that are then graded for environmental sensitivity. The final grade is a good indication of whether the Minden Hills council has agreed in their new official plan to adopt new wetlands as provincially significant based on the data Heaven is collecting until proven otherwise. A conserva-

tion coup.

Heaven warned the committee that as exciting as the project is, under provincial law development is still allowed in provincially significant wetlands as long as it passes an environmental assessment. The committee decided to proceed in the new year with a public education campaign about the significance of wetlands and the importance of the mapping project in protecting them.

The committee was informed the Paudash Lake association has also begun a formal lake planning process to establish how much development the lake can withstand, similar to a process being undertaken on Kawagama. A large percentage of Paudash

Lake rests in Highlands East.

Lou Trepanier reported the Sustainable Forestry Association also seems to be dissolving. He says the directors are disappearing on the board, the finances are bleak and he did not receive a membership renewal this year.

Trepanier also talked about Algonquin Highlands investigations into starting a sewage lagoon. He says they still have a video members made about the benefits of such lagoons, when managed properly, and suggested they undertake more public education about them. The committee members agreed it would go to the top of their list.

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All signs indicate dog deliberately maltreated

from page 1

clinic has cats that are the same size of the malnourished pooch.

Kovach said she could wrap her petite hands around the abdomen of the pooch, where all the dog's internal organs are located. It would take both of Kovach's arms to give a hearty hug around the belly of a healthy dog.

"Who knew the body could shrink that much and still house everything that a healthy individual could have," she said.

This incident has raised alarms at both the animal clinic, the Humane Society and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Kovach says, as the dog showed several signs of abuse.

The dog's broken leg had gone untreated for at least two months. X-rays on the leg showed that scar tissue had formed, and Kovach says the clinic was able to estimate that the leg had been broken for at least two months. Another issue was that the dog's brown collar was tight around its neck, signifying that it had been tightened around the dog's fading body. Kovach said she didn't think it was a hunting dog that had accidentally got loose because of the tightness of the collar, adding that a stray dog that was so emaciated would've likely frozen to death overnight.

"It really bothers me," Kovach said, "because if we are going to have animals then we have to do right by them. Animals rely on us physically and emotionally. I want people to remember that there's a being associated with these animals."

Did the owner know what state the dog was in, and continue to ignore its physical and emotional needs? Did the dog break away? Had he lived through much worse? Was it purposeful? Was he hit by a car? Does anyone know who he belonged to?

Kovach contacted *The Times* to not only bring the issue into the public realm, but also to get people to start asking questions - and maybe find out if the hound had siblings that could also be suffering.

The dog was found on the side of the highway, close to Kinmount, on December 6 by a passerby. Kov-

ach says the lady was a client of the animal hospital and would pay the bills to have the dog checked.

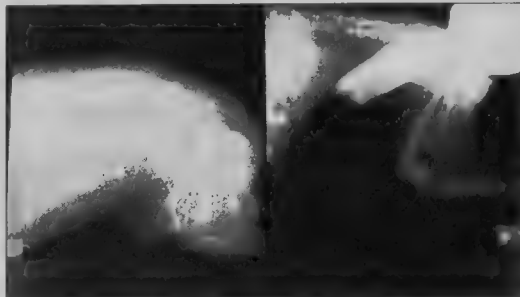
Before bringing the dog to the clinic the woman apparently tried to feed the animal with dog food, only to watch him throw it up moments later, Kovach said. "A dog that malnourished cannot just start to eat again so quickly."

When he arrived at the clinic, Kovach said the dog was quiet, trusting and friendly, adding that the dog seemed to know he was in a place that was going to help him.

"I felt this profound sadness," she said. "Here was this gorgeous, young animal, with clean, white teeth and he was just wasting away."

After the clinic ran some tests and examined the pooch, the veterinarian determined that putting the hound down was best for the animal.

Although the clinic could fix him and repair his leg, there was no way they



Two X-rays illustrate the difference between a healthy dog and the stray dog. The X-ray on the left shows the shape of a healthy dog's abdomen. On the right is the stray's X-ray.



Allison Taylor/TIMES

Minden Animal Hospital's Lizzie Kovach shows the brown collar found on a stray hound. The collar was tight on the dog's neck, suggesting that someone knew of the dog's malnourished physical state.

could guarantee that he would have a good quality of life afterwards.

Kovach says the clinic didn't know if the dog would eat again on his own, or if he would be able to rebound from the ordeals he had suffered. "He had everything against him," she said.

What bothers her the most was that the dog had survived through endless hard-

ships already, and the best thing they could do for him was to euthanize him.

She isn't ready to give up on the pooch though. "We can't just turn a blind eye when things like this happen. There are animals at the end of those chains."

Anyone with information on this stray dog is asked to call the SPCA at 705-645-6225. The calls can be anonymous.

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Red Hawks earn respect at home

DARREN LUM

Times staff

The junior girls volleyball team split three and lost a match in a home tournament where the Red Hawks were pitted against visiting LCVI, FFSS, St. Thomas Aquinas, and I.E. Weldon last week.

HHSS 23 LCVI 25
HHSS 24 LCVI 26

In the Red Hawks first game they fell behind four times and on three occasions they tied the game. It was the fourth time that spelled defeat.

Late in the game, when the Spartans took their fourth lead after the Red Hawks tied the game 23-23, the Red Hawks weren't able to respond and lost by two points.

The score 18-22, Kathryn Berube helped to draw the team even after the team fell behind by four points with five consecutive serves. Kristin Stackhouse earned two kills on the first two points of the game, halving the four point lead while Nicole Manary's tip at the net cut the deficit to one point. The three consecutive strong plays frustrated the Spartans into making bad passes giving away the lead.

With the game tied, Berube served, sending the ball out, giving the Spartans the lead back. A failed tip attempt by an HHSS player that struck the net gave the Spartans victory.

The second game of the match was a role-reversal for both teams. The Red Hawks took five leads with the Spartans chasing the entire game. But for the Spartans, when they tied the game at 23-23, they won the game.

Manary started well, earning two points off two clean serves for a

2-0 lead. It was followed up by miscues from both teams who couldn't seem to get anything going. Down by one, Kerry Heming served cleanly on four attempts, keeping the ball in play. Michelle Neumann started this series with a strong presence at the net, spiking twice on one play with the second scoring. On the next play Kate Dawson gave the team the lead with a strong spike.

The teams traded points and the Red Hawks even took a 15-13 lead, but fell behind by two, 16-18.

The Red Hawks even had a two point lead late, going up 22-20 off a Michelle Neumann ace. It wasn't enough as the Spartans tied 22-22 then gave back the lead with a net violation. The Spartans managed to stave off the loss by pressuring the Red Hawk defense with tips, spikes and deep volleys.

Strong performances from Heming, Manary and Stackhouse weren't enough as the Red Hawks came up short by two points.

Match highlights: Kristen Stackhouse finishes with three kills, three digs and one ace.

HHSS 20 FFSS 25
HHSS 25 FFSS 13

Against the Fenelon Falls Falcons the Red Hawks couldn't get much going in terms of set plays, but to their credit they still managed to make a game of it. Points were traded throughout the game until the Falcons were able to pull ahead for good with a 5-0 run when the score was knotted at 20-20.

In the second game, Paige Collins saw her first action of the day and helped the team dominate for an easy victory.

Leading only by two points, 14-12, the Red Hawks would leave the Falcons behind thanks to Collins' serving skill. She strung together several strong serves that were a challenge for the Falcons defenders to handle. As a result, the Red Hawks finished the game with a 11-1 run.

Match highlights: Stackhouse matched Paige Collins to finish with three kills while Collins entered the match, for her first action of the day, with two aces.



Kathryn Berube bumps a ball in a game against LCVI.



Michelle Neumann spikes the ball over the outstretched hands of an Aquinas defender.

HHSS 25 I.E. Weldon 16
HHSS 21 I.E. Weldon 25

The Red Hawks started the match well courtesy of five strong serves from Nicole Manary for a quick 5-0 lead against I.E. Weldon. She got two aces during the run. They continued building upon their early lead towards a nine point lead, their largest lead of the game. Shell-shocked, the Wildcats never came close. Nearing the

end of the game, both teams had problems serving. Four points were traded on serving miscues with the Red Hawks taking the game point off of a Wildcat serve into the net.

The four point lead, early in the second game, was erased by a 9-1 run by the Wildcats. HHSS turned it around with a 5-1 run of their own to tie the game 13-13. The Wildcats responded and reclaimed the lead, going up by six points. The Red Hawks made a game of it saving four game points with accurate passing for solid set plays, however, the Wildcats closed out the game, winning by four points.

Match highlights: Nicole Manary earned two aces while Jill Lewis struck for two kills. Cassidy Zilla helped the defense with three digs.

HHSS 25 Aquinas 14
HHSS 5 Aquinas 25

After the first game was tied, 3-3, the Red Hawks went on a 15-8 run for an 18-13 lead when Michelle Neumann and Julie Johnson got things rolling with consistent serving. Neumann and Johnson served out the game, combining for seven points.

Falling behind by Aquinas' 14 points to the Red Hawks one, they were behind all game and just couldn't find the rhythm to organize a strong enough come back to draw even. The lopsided loss was a result of the inexperienced second line playing.

Match highlights: Michelle Neumann, Stackhouse and Collins earned two kills.

The girls are back in town

by JULIE MCGANN-BUCHANAN
Special to The Times

The first women's hockey team from Minden went to Peterborough for a tournament at the end of November. Minden Mayhem Senior Women consists of 17 players and 14 attended the competition. Captain Julie McGann-Buchanan, Assistant Sheana Allore, Assistant Cheryl Smith, Christian Black, Health McGann, Leah Anderson, Lyn Winans, Marge Fielding, Maureen Johnson, Shannon Prentice, Sheila Woodcroft, Tina Anderson, Tracy Gilbert and Linda Lenny in goal. Absent from the tournament were Denise LeBlanc, Lyn Smith, Kate Hutchinson and future #18 player who we all miss Judy Findeis.

The girls faced Orangeville Tigers in their first game. McGann-Buchanan's former team, so Mayhem knew the competition was tough. First goal was scored by Orangeville in the first period, but five minutes later Maureen Johnson found the back of the net to make the score 1-1; assisted by Anderson and Smith. McGann-Buchanan had numerous break aways but was denied each time by the Orangeville goalie. Mayhem was tired in the third, Orangeville skill wore them down and the final score was 5-1 Orangeville. Linda Lenny was amazing in goal.

Next team Mayhem faced was the hometown Peterborough who were the favourites to win the tournament. Gilbert, Anderson, Winans and McGann were outstanding on defense but the skill and speed of Peterborough were just too much for Mayhem. Allore had a beautiful shot, which pinged off the goal post, and black had a few break aways but could not finish it off. Final score 7-0 Peterborough.

The third and final game was against Hamilton. McGann-Buchanan decided to make a few changes putting Winans on the wing because of her overwhelming knowledge of hockey, and she put Fielding on defence



Members of the Minden Mayhem are all smiles as they strike a pose after a recent hockey game.

because of her amazing skating skills. This proved to be a great decision. Forward line Winans, McGann-Buchanan and Smith had numerous changes in the first minutes of the game. Woodcroft, Allore and Black also had some great chances but could not find the back of the net. T. Anderson and Johnson also had opportunities but Johnson was denied. The third game also proved to be the most aggressive and physical with McGann-Buchanan and Gilbert roughing it up, proving to Hamilton that not all of Mayhem are first-year players. Final score 5-0 Hamilton, but the third game was the best game Minden Mayhem played. The team came together and improved every game.

McGann-Buchanan, who organized the Minden Mayhem team and entered the tournament for Minden, said the team played outstanding. Only five of the four-

teen girls have ever played an organized hockey game, the rest come out Monday nights just for fun. Everyone should be proud of himself or herself. McGann-Buchanan said no one looked out of place or confused, and we only had two offsides. We are heading to Orangeville on January 16 to 19 and with this tournament (and the experience) behind us; we will all be more secure.

The girls would like to thank Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking and Ken Cox Trucking for the great jerseys along with IDA, Subway and Jenny Hemmings for the Mill Valley water. A big thanks to Coaches Matt Harris and Jeff Black and all the guys who came out on Friday nights to help us prepare for the tournament.

Minden Mayhem is still looking for a coach to commit to two or three tournaments a year and a few practices. Mayhem has 17 girls on the team who want to keep learning and playing this great Canadian game, that is not just for men anymore.

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First schedule quarter-finals start this week

by SANDY COLE
Special to The Times

The first schedule at the Minden Curling Club is winding down and playoffs are about to begin. Quarter-finals are played at 7:30 p.m. On December 16 – Ladies; December 17 – Mens; December 19 – Thursday Mixed; and December 20 – Friday Mixed. All are welcome to come and cheer on the teams!

A reminder for members that our Christmas Pot Luck Cocktail get together will be on Thursday, December 19 starting at 7 p.m. and curling will be at 7:30. Bring your favorite goodie, watch the games and enjoy yourself.

This year's mens J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel will be held on December 28. Any teams or spares interested in playing should call Murray Cooper at 286-2615.

The second schedule of curling will start the week of January 13, immediately after the first schedule playoffs. Anyone wishing to curl in the second half should contact Pat Campbell at 286-3433. Free instruction will be available on January 3 and 4, for beginners from 10 to 12 and advanced in the afternoon. You can call the club for more details at 286-3311.

You can hone your newly-acquired skills on January 5 by joining us for the New Year's first breakfast bonspiel, which consists of one game. This is a fun event to start off your day. What a great way to get ready for the second schedule!

Coming up in the new year is the clubs HHHS fund-raising bonspiel scheduled

for February 22. This is a major fund-raising event for our local community health services and we hope everyone will show support by joining us on this one-day event. For more information call the club.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Minden Curling Club!

League score for the week starting December 2:

Monday Night Ladies

Melanie Vigrass 8, Linda Eaton 7
Nancy Garbutt 11, Linda Pawluch 2
Pat Woodcroft 11, Zeld Cooper 1

Tuesday Night Mens

Bill Roodenburg 8, Jim Garbutt 6
Alf Trotter 9, Don Ballantyne 7
Ed Cyr 7, Ted Wilkes 5
Peter McNeillage 11, Al Aubry 2
Dwight Thomas 9, Dan Garbutt 2
Rob Eaton 6, Jim Pollard 5

Thursday Night Mixed

Peter Alexander 13, Brian Cross 4
Fred Simmons 7, Melanie Vigrass 6
Gail Grainger 5, Jack Taylor 5
Jim Pollard 12, Sandy Cole 3
Ted Wilkes 8, Jim Garbutt 6
Jack Brezina 13, Peter McNeillage 8

Friday Night Mixed

Linda Pawluch 7, Dan Garbutt 4
Jake Walker 10, Harvey Kivela 3
Sandy Cole 8, Pat Campbell 2
Rob Eaton 10, Cheryl Murdoch 2
Bill Roodenburg 7, Brian Cross 5

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Thursday Afternoon

(December 12)

High Average: Ken Thompson 229, Shirley Webb 199

High Single: Bob Webb 279, Beverley Alexander 217

High Single (handicap): Bob Webb 320, Beverley Alexander 269

High Triple: Ken Thompson 689, Shirley Webb 598

High Triple (handicap): Merv Bunker 751, Shirley Webb 730

Wednesday Afternoon League

(December 10)

High Average: Ken Thompson 221, Mona Benn 193

High Single: Fred Philips 286, Mona Benn 224

High Single (handicap): Fred Phipps 326, Solvec Stout 283

High Triple: Ken Thompson 768, Mona Benn 646

High Triple (handicap): Avar Edwards 800, Mona Benn 727

Highs and Lows

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Ken Thompson, Chris Stender +578
Fred Phipps, Jan Conrie +305

Tuesday Afternoon League

(December 9)

High average: Ken Thompson 210, Mona Benn 197

High single: Robert McIvor 267, Mona Benn 198

High single (handicap): Robert McIvor 308, Lillian Mattsson 228

High triple: Robert McIvor 661, Mona Benn 546

High triple (handicap): Robert McIvor 806, Elma Giltanen 625

MINDEN HILLS LANES

December 9

High Average: Bob Vankoughnet 193, Pat Roussel 153

High Single: Marcel Roussel 306, Doreen Francis 217

High Single (handicap): Marcel Roussel 363, Doreen Francis 287

High Triple: Bob Vankoughnet 681, Doreen Francis 543

High Triple (handicap): Marcel Roussel 799, Doreen Francis 752

Correction

Red Wolves 5-pin bowling team member Brian Neville was misidentified in a cutline that ran Dec. 2 in the sports section. The Times apologizes for the error.

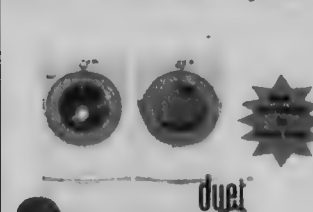
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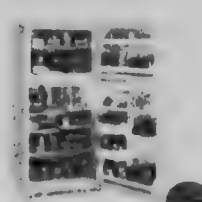
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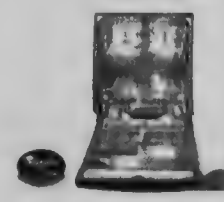


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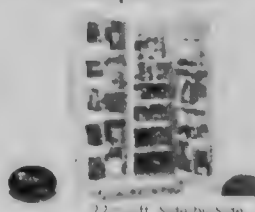


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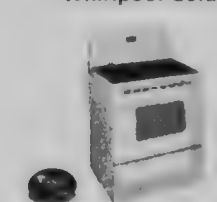
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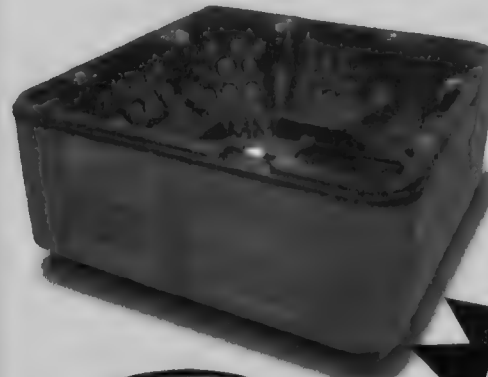
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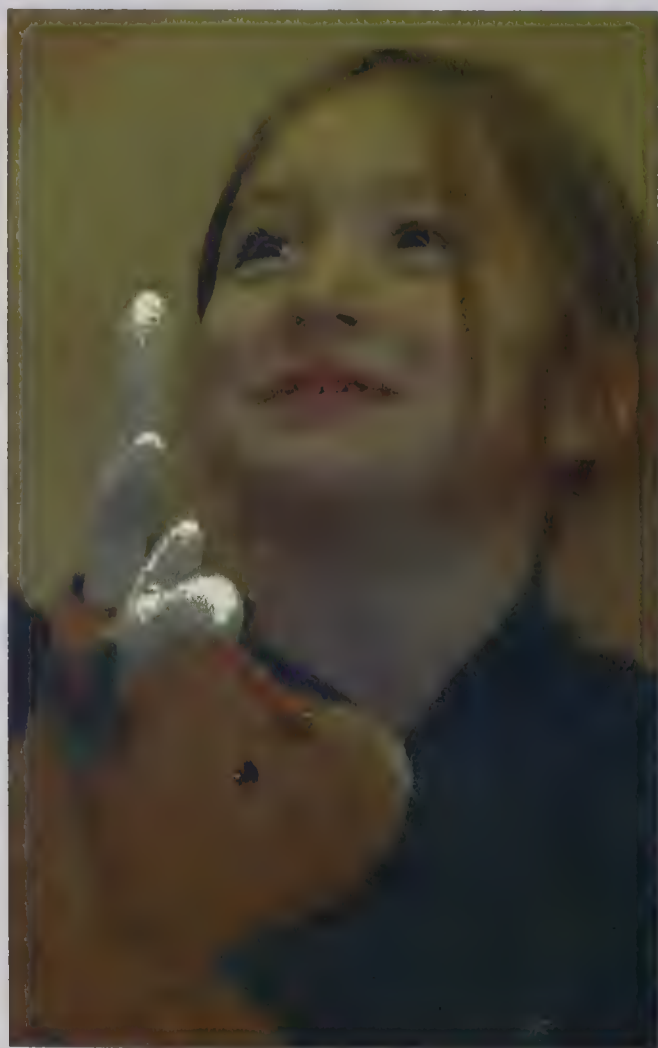
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Christmas in Stanhope



Photos by Darren Lum/Times

The Stanhope Firefighters Association hosted the annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7 for approximately 50 children, each of whom received a gift provided by the association. It has been run for more than 20 years and always leaves the children excited for the holidays. This year, organizers believe attendance figures were double last year. Special guests to the party were Santa Claus and well-known musician David Archibald.





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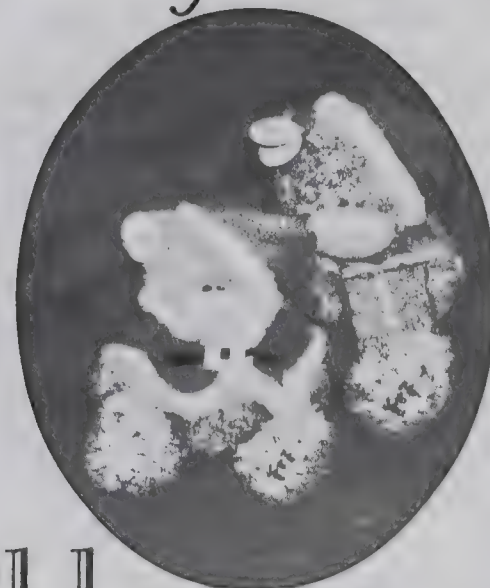
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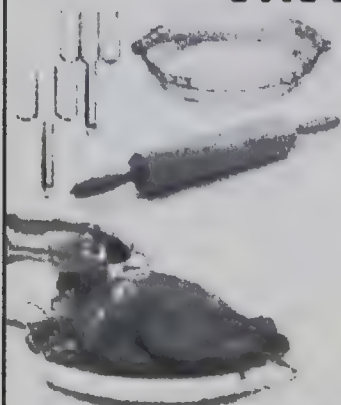


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Spray an 8x8" baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large saucepan, bring the sugar, butter, cream and salt to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently. Let boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and slowly add the powdered sugar and vanilla, stirring until smooth and well combined. Stir in the cherries until evenly distributed.

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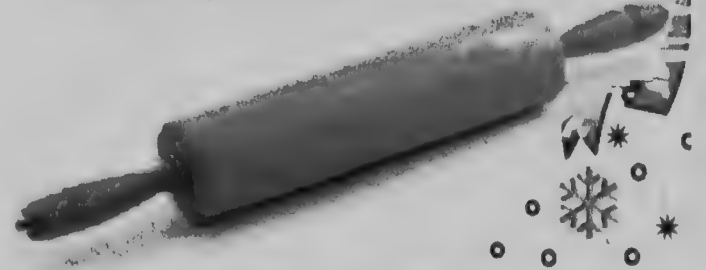
1/2 pound of margarine
1 cup chopped walnuts
7 ounces grated coconut

1/2 ounces of chocolate chips
12 ounces coloured mini marshmallows

Preparation

• Melt margarine and choc chips together for 1 min in microwave, stir and microwave for additional 1 min until melted and smooth (make sure you stir before you put it on for more time, as stirring often finishes off the melting process).

- Put marshmallows and nuts in a large bowl; stir in chocolate/margarine mixture.
- Tear five 9-inch sheets of waxed paper and sprinkle each generously with coconut.
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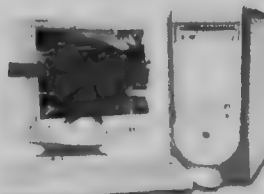
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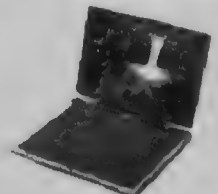


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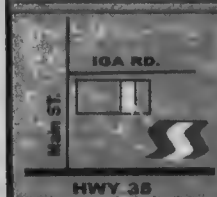
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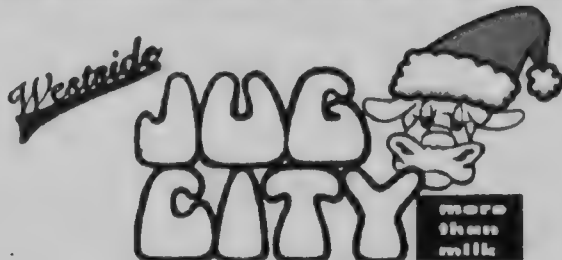
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- ribbon
- stickers, pictures from old christmas wrap, drawings, etc for decoration
- small candies, confetti, etc



Instructions:

- Cut a piece of crepe paper 3 to 5 inches longer than the tp roll (it should be about a 10" x 10" square).
- Wrap around the roll with an even amount hanging over either end
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- Fill with candy or small toys and confetti (the children can make their own confetti by hole punching different colored paper and gift wrap)
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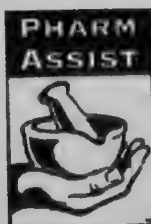
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Doreen Lum/TIMES

Japanese exchange student Mitsunori Takao, takes a time out in Haliburton recently to don the Canadian flag and celebrate his passion for sports. The snow, something he doesn't usually get to experience in Osaka, has given him a chance to learn how to snowboard.

From water city to forested village

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

When you speak to him, you'd swear he was just another Canadian kid dreaming of snowboarding through the champagne powder high in the Rocky Mountains.

Mitsunori Takao at 17 may share the same dreams as other Canadians his age, but he is far, at least geographically, from being Canadian. Mitsunori is from Osaka, Japan.

Despite the winter and the challenges of a second language, he's taken full advantage of his first visit to Canada. Last year, he learned how to snowboard from his host brother, Ryan Clarke, also 17. Ever since that first outing Mitsunori can't stop thinking about snowboarding.

"I want to go snowboarding," Mitsunori said.

It was nearly a year ago that he landed at Toronto's Pearson International Airport. His first impression of the Highlands was not unlike most when facing a Canadian winter for the first time.

"It's cold. I've never seen so much snow," Mitsunori said.

In Osaka there really isn't a chance for snow to accumulate anywhere, he said. Otherwise known as the 'water city', for its 790 bridges that provides passage over the many canals that stream through the city, Osaka dates back more than 1,500 years. It is steeped in history, having buildings

and dishes of food five times older than Canada. With more than one million people living in the city, it is a stark contrast when compared to the village of Minden, population 2,000.

He has dealt with the lack of transportation options by getting rides with his host mother, Raylene Clarke, or host father Terry. Unlike Minden, Osaka has an extensive infrastructure that includes numerous public transportation options such as taxi cabs and bullet trains that travel in excess of a 100 km/h.

"There is no train, no bus. It was a big surprise," Mitsunori said. "It's difficult to get around [here]."

Along with 40 other Japanese students enrolled in the International Languages course at his high school in Osaka, he came to Canada in a coordinated effort between his school and the Muskoka Language International group. The purpose of his trip is to learn English and to live within a different culture.

The other Japanese students are scattered across the country. With Mitsunori, here in Haliburton, are fellow classmates Aiko Matsuyama and Shoko Nakajimma. Aiko is his girlfriend and he says it's nice to have her here, but he says her presence has made it difficult to learn English since they always talk in Japanese.

Even though he doesn't have an extensive English vocabulary he really

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Sweet on pancakes with maple syrup

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hasn't need it because anybody following high school sports knows his name. There is no English needed on the soccer pitch. He lets his feet do the talking. "It's just playing. There's no talking."

This season he accounted for nearly half the senior men's soccer team's goals.

The youngest of three children, Mitsunori has two brothers. Twenty-year-old Katuhiro is attending Osaka university while 19-year-old Maoaki is taking classes at city hall to become a public servant.

Living temporarily here in Canada since January, he's loving his stay here in the Highlands. The North American influence in Japan has already exposed Mitsunori to most of our foods such as burgers and

pizza; however, there are a few things he's never eaten before. Along with the taste of snow he'll be taking back the memory of eating ribs, maple syrup on pancakes, pancakes, and poutine.

"Mmmm, I like ribs and chicken," Mitsunori said. He adds he loves all of the meat, but misses the Japanese rice.

Three new exchange students will be arriving from Japan this January and each of them needs a place to stay in Haliburton for at least one semester.

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Early season snowmobiling can be dangerous and riders should exercise extreme caution because conditions are unpredictable, ice may not be safe and local snowmobile trails are not open. This warning was issued recently by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

"Early in each season, over-eager snowmobilers take unnecessary risks and pay with their lives when simply waiting a week or two would have made a huge difference in the stability of conditions," said Ron Purchase, general manager of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). "This time of year is especially tricky to predict, so even side by side, one area may be adequate for riding, but the next totally unsafe."

Snowmobilers are advised that no local

snowmobile trails are open or ready for riding at this time. Snowmobilers must watch out for natural obstacles that would normally be completely buried under packed snow later in the season. Snowmobilers are also advised that, with snow coming early, all signs, stakes and trail markers may not be in place yet.

The OFSC also warns that ice on all waterways and swamps should be highly suspect and assumed to be unsafe. Snowmobilers are especially cautioned that riding on public roads or cross-country during this time of uncertain conditions is a bad choice, as these areas pose higher risks for snowmobilers at the best of times and should always be avoided.

To check on local trail conditions, please visit www.hcsa.on.ca

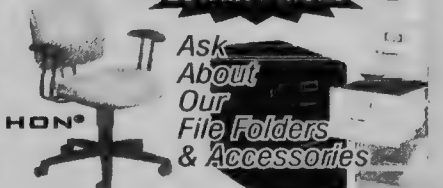
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Old Timers' get their money back

Hockey league says its players don't overstay their welcome at Minden arena

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The Old Timers' Hockey League will be reimbursed for 13 hours of ice time, after claiming they were overcharged by the municipality.

Lawrence Loughed, league president, asked council last week why the league wouldn't be refunded for ice time they said they didn't use.

The league plays at the Minden arena on Wednesday nights from and has around 60 players.

Ray Miscio, parks and recreation manager, told council at an earlier meeting that his staff reported that the hockey players remained on the ice past 10:30 p.m. and sometimes didn't leave the ice

until 11 p.m. The league was subsequently charged for the extra ice time, which accumulated to around \$300 or the equivalent of 13 hours accumulated from the 2001/2002 hockey season.

Miscio was not available to attend the council meeting, but Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron spoke on his behalf.

Cameron said that the Old Timers' were apparently not coming off the ice until closer to 11 p.m.

Therefore, staff at the arena would have to wait until the ice was cleared and they could shut down the area. Apparently the arena uses an honour system to ensure that ice times are followed accurately.

Loughed said the Old Timers' are the

usually the last people on the ice, before the arena closes on Wednesday nights.

The issue whittled down into a he said/she said discussion.

Staff at the arena alleged that the league did not follow the ice times, while Loughed, who appeared before council with around six other members of the league sitting in the audience, said the players always leave the ice at 10:30 p.m.

"We've never had a problem before," Loughed said, adding that the league has been playing for 20 years.

Councillor Ingram Wessell asked Loughed if it was possible that it took the players an extra 10 or 15 minutes to drift off the ice after a league game.

Loughed said the league hasn't

changed anything from previous years, and said they had never had a problem with ice time before.

Reeve Ross Rigney told Loughed that council wanted the Old Timers' League to play hockey and to continue to use the ice at the arena.

Councillor Bill Valentine, who initially told Loughed to consider going before council to discuss the ice issue, said that "it was only 13 hours."

"What's the point of getting into a he said/she said hassle over 13 hours," Valentine said.

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon made a motion to credit the Old Timers' with the 13 hours that was added to their bill. The motion was passed.

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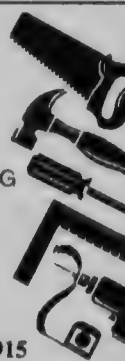
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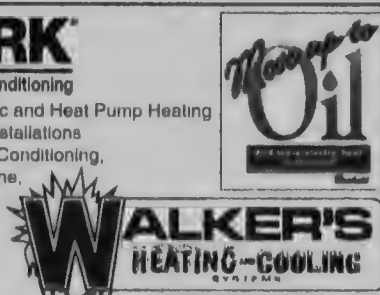
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Health for Life blown away with support

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They volunteer their time serving breakfasts to students. Some blaze trails to keep people physically active.

Still other lay the groundwork for a disc golf course that promises a new spin on fun. And let's not forget those who talk up the importance of smoke-free living to youth.

The depth and diversity of what 23 individuals and organizations are doing to make Haliburton County a healthier place to live will be showcased next week.

The Health For Life project recognized its community partners at a special ceremony set for Nov. 27 at the Delta Pinestone, (Hwy. 121).

"These people and groups are the backbone of what Health For Life is," says Anne-Marie Cyr, a Public Health Nurse

with the Health For Life project.

She admits to being 'blown away' by the support and scope of what community partners are doing to assist Health For Life in promoting the importance of eating well, staying smoke-free and being physically active.

Cyr says the recognition evening is all about highlighting and celebrating the work of partners and making them feel part of the team.

"One of the hopes for the evening is to bring together the group and let them see they are part of a much bigger organization that can make a difference in the lives of Haliburton residents," Cyr adds.

Health For Life is a coalition of groups and individuals that was established to help local residents make healthier choices now to decrease their risk of illness later in life.

Charges laid for illegal moose hunting locally

Ten men have been fined \$10,525. for illegal moose hunting activities at a hunt camp in Haliburton County.

Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Conservation Officers determined that members of the camp had illegally shot three bull moose and then attempted to pass off the kills as legal by sealing them with game seals from an adjacent Wildlife Management Unit - all offences under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Three of the men shot the animals: James W. Davis, 55, of Belmont has been fined \$3,500.; Peter J. Radford, 36, of Orangeville, has been fined \$2,500, and Charles D. Ley, 73, of Shelburne, has been fined \$2,500.

Randal T. Lang, 61, of Mississauga and Horst E. Contradt, 75, of Brechin, have each been fined \$500. for unlawfully

transferring their game seals. they had left the camp before the animals were shot but allowed the remaining hunters to illegally use their seals.

Justice of the Peace D. Jackson heard the case of the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on December 5, 2002.

Five other individuals, Robert Montroy, 48, of Orangeville; Micheal Bohatyretz, 60, of Orangeville; Gregory Wagg, 35, of Brampton; Len MacVicar, 54, of St. Thomas; and Ivan Tees, 70, of Bramalea, were previously convicted of possessing illegally killed wildlife, in this case

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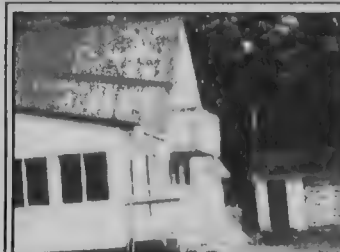
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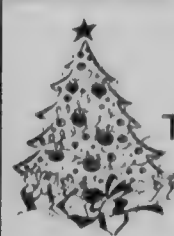
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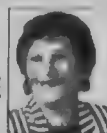


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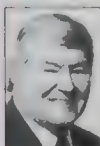
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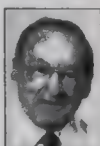
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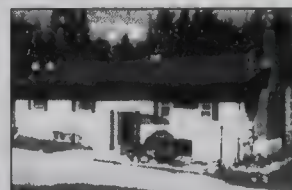
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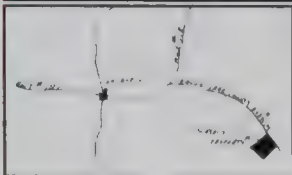
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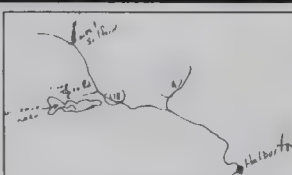
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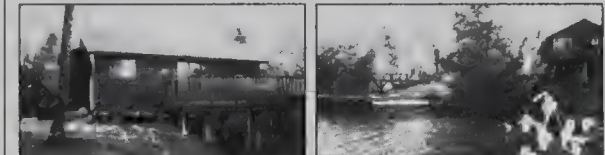


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AROUND THE TOWN

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It's good to be back at the farmhouse after a busy Ajax weekend hosting my family's annual Christmas celebration. David, Rita and Emma's new home is so close to the lake you can hear the waves breaking onto Pickering Beach. Although we must share the bathroom with Cornelia the Cat our basement apartment is splendid enough, according to second son Graeme, for any travelling NHL hockey player. Dave finally managed to convince its reluctant builder to sell by appealing to his sentimental side. Clearly it was time to plan ahead. Dad and Mom's obvious declining mobility needs would at some point require their transfer to more accessible lodging. While it's so nice to know that someone cares, in the meantime I had better start heading down the 13 stairs to the old living room, step down into the kitchen, down again into the new addition, and then finally up into the workroom to climb onto the exercise bike. Who says this farmhouse isn't accessible? At least we now have indoor plumbing. P.S. "Harry Potter" looked great in his scarf.

On another farm note, Shannon, the old pony, has died. We had not expected her to live this long but were encouraged when her heavier winter coat came in. A special thank you goes to our good neighbour Doug Pearson for his concern and compassion, and to Dean Swinson whose backhoe artistry allowed us to find her a resting place here with us on the farm.

Scoring News:

Writing this column has brought me great pleasure over the past year. I still don't know a right bower from a small slam, and will never hope to understand what a moonshot really is. Instead I faithfully write down what our event reporters tell me. They have been so dependable and I thank them for their support and patience. Please note there are some holiday season schedule changes.

Thursday, December 5 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: For most lone hands Ann McCreight and Ed Hisson took the honours, while May Bradbury and Gala Stamp recorded the high scores for ladies/men. Low scores went to Verna McDonald and Marcel Roussel. Other prize winners were Marie Dennie, Carol Hill, Norm Lee, Maxine Cross and Esther Lee.

Friday, December 6 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Helen Windsor had a single moonshot, while Garth Windsor and Stan Dutka each took two. Leading the pinks was Gayle McConnell 218 followed by Jean

Dutka 210 and Sharon Evans 196. Pat Scadden topped the white cards at 230, with Stan Dutka 221 next and Bob McConnell 207 third. Rob Evans held the hidden score. Please note that Club 35's next bid euchre will not be held until Friday, January 3.

Friday, December 6 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In north/south Muriel and Doug McIntosh were first with 65%, then Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher second at 61%. Over in east/west top spot went to Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf 57%, followed closely by Judy Neiman and Ev Morgan 56%.

Saturday, December 7 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Barb Robitaille was first with 275 and Elva Paisley second at 259. Hidden scores were uncovered by Sharon Evans, Margaret Fletcher and Kevin Maloney, while Idella Gault, Elva Paisley, Milton Fletcher and Chris Clarke had the moonshots. Ruth Kellett reports that a great time was had by all at the Christmas Party.

Monday, December 9 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: In the lone hands department it was Norm Lee and Joyce Ritchie, while Jack Chilton and Lorna Hicks took the high scores for men/ladies. Low man Don Hicks was joined by low lady Gladys Nesbitt, with the draws going to Lorna Hicks and Joyce Ritchie. The "Black and White" trio members for this week were Gwen Cox, Gala Stamp and Dean Chambers.

Monday, December 9 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: First place went to Verna McDonald, with Joe Rivers second. The draws were won by Jean Scadden and Maxine Cross.

Monday, December 9 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Jean Dutka had the most lone hands, with Verna Sawyer and Bob McConnell recording the high scores for ladies/men. Lows for the day went to Marjorie Cowen and Harry Randell, while Stan Dutka won the baloney. There will be euchre on December 16, then not again until Monday, January 6, 2003.

Monday, December 9 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Idella Gault reports that Georgina Deeks held the high score, with Helen Skelding taking the low. The lone hand winner was Martha Harding, while Cecil Smith took home the special draw prize.

Monday, December 9 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score went to Vic Ballik with Ruth Kellett second. Pat Scadden con-

gratulated fellow moonshot winner Esther Lee on also taking a draw prize along with Vic Ballik.

Tuesday, December 10 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Top spot went to Wayne Jones, with Ida Young second and Gala Stamp third. Single moonshot winners were Milton Fletcher, Esther Lee and Ruth Kellett, while Trudy Kroes took two. Ruth also held a hidden score, along with Norm Lee and Verna McDonald.

Tuesday, December 10 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Leading the scoring was the team of Betty Lockhart and Pearl Cowan with 293, followed by Syd Lockhart and Moe Briscoe 271 and Leroy Eager partnered with Marj Hamilton 221. Alf Briscoe and Helen Skelding had the afternoon's low score of 131. Special congratulations are sent out to Helen Skelding on her 80th birthday from her many friends at the Club.

Tuesday, December 10 euchre at Gelert: Bill St. Thomas took the high score for the gents, with Harold Harvie recording the low. For the ladies it was Rita Crofts high and Mildred St. Thomas low. Don Curry held the most lone hands, with Harold Harvie and Mildred St. Thomas winning the special prizes. Audrey Vick reminds everyone that the next euchre at Gelert will not be until January 7.

Tuesday, December 10 contract bridge at Stanhope: Two small slams went to the duos of Frank Schlotter and Pearl Foster, and Gloria Moore and Morris Hansen. Members of the high scoring quartet were Frank Schlotter 6340, Pearl Foster 5800, Ross Fletcher 5270 and Reet Murray 5190. Lucky draw winner Doug McIntosh congratulated Frank Schlotter echoing the sentiments behind the "WCBHTGOMS" Award. Your right, "Who Could Be Hotter Than Good Old Man Schlotter."

Wednesday, December 11 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: With 63% Ross Davies and Judy Neiman were first in north/south, then Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher were next at 59%. East/west leaders were Norma Crewson teamed with Vic Matthews 56%, followed closely by Kelly Metcalf and Bob Morrow 55.5%.

Wednesday, December 11 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots numbered seven - going to Sharon Evans, Ross Fletcher, Pat Scadden, Bill Milford, Helen Henderson, along with Trudy and Len Kroes. Leading the pinks was Pearl Cowen 323 then Marj Coffey 321, Margaret Bull 294, Willie

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St. John's, Irondale	9:30 am	Prayer & Praise Communion
St. James', Kinmount	11:15am	Sung Family Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

St. Paul's, Minden	7:00 pm	Family Holy Communion
	11:00pm	Midnight Eucharist Carols
St. John's, Irondale	7:00 pm	Family Christmas Service
St. James', Kinmount	9:00 pm	Family Christmas Communion

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

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Knox United Church UCW ladies have a full selection of fruit pies in the freezer. Contact any member of the church to get your Christmas supplies of pies. Christmas Eve services take place on Tuesday, December 24 at 4 p.m. This is a special service that would be enjoyed by all, but especially by children as there is an abundance of music. All are welcome. Services remain at 11:30 a.m. for December but will move forward to 11 a.m. in January.

Christmas Service times at St. Mary Magdalene's, Dorset are 9 p.m. December 24, 11:30 a.m. December 25 and 10:30 a.m. December 29. The December 29 service is a combined parish service, to be followed by an open house at the rectory, hosted by Ralph and Maureen Hair.

A big thank you goes out to The Dorset Lions Club for organizing and providing the Dorset Children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 7. A great time was had by all.

Reservations are now being accepted for

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Birthday wishes this week go out to

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To submit something for the Dorset news send E-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, stop by The Dorset Recreation Centre or call at 766-0076.



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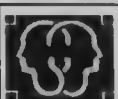
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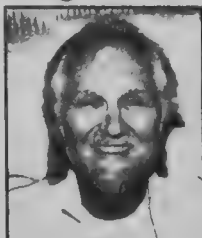
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Winter takes over Minden early in November

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

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Average High	3.0	37.4
Average Low	-3.4	26.6
Average for the month	-0.2	32.0
Average for November 2001	4.5	40.1
Highest Temperature Nov. 9	18.0	64.4
Lowest Temperature Nov. 27	-13.5	7.7

Rain	48.0 mm	1.8 in
Snow	59.0 cm	23.2 in
Total Precipitation	107.0 mm	4.2 in
Total Precip for Nov 2001	80.2 mm	3.1 in
Snow on ground Nov 30	18 cm	7.0 in
Snow on ground last Nov 30	none	
Total snowfall Nov 1 to Nov 30	59.0 cm	23.2 in
Days mostly sunny	6	

Days with snow or rain	16
Days with thunderstorms	0
Days with freezing rain	1

For what was predicted a mild fall, winter apparently took over very early. The average temperature for November was 0C (32F), much cooler than last November's 4.5C (40F). That is a severe drop for average temperatures.

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- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
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- **December 15-17: The Emergency Paediatric Campaign** will have an information and fundraising display at Lansdowne Place during mall hours. Please stop by and make a donation and show your support to this very needed organization in the community that assists local critically ill children and their families. For more information on the Emergency Paediatric Campaign call 705-743-6765 or 1-866-355-8055.
- **December 16: Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area Support Groups** - Haliburton. Extended care from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **December 16: Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area Support Groups** - Haliburton. Alzheimer Office Adult Child Group from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **December 17: The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a merry Xmas and a happy holiday season. Our next meeting is January 21, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge - Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For information please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **December 18: Christmas Party and Potluck Lunch** at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre Minden from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Santa will be visiting, so please bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) for your child. Call 286-1770 to sign up.
- **December 19: Seniors Friendship Luncheon**, 12 noon, at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call (705)766-9968.
- **December 19: Join Wheels to Meals** at the Dominion Hotel in Minden for a delicious lunch, at 11:30 a.m. Call Ida at 457-2941 to make reservations or to get more information.
- **December 19: Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area Support Groups** - Minden. Hyland Crest, Meeting Classroom from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **December 20: Alzheimer Society Family/ Caregiver Group** held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Kimmount and District Health Centre. Open group. A portable library is also available in your area for home viewing.
- **December 22: Come and join us** at Eagle Lake Community Church for a Children's Christmas Celebration at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. There will be Carol singing and a Christmas story followed by Supper for the children. We thank the Eagle Lake Women's Association for providing gifts and help.
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- **December 18: Foot Clinic, Jr. Basketball** at 5:30 p.m. and Adult basketball at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call (705)766-9968 for more information.
- **December 23: Jr. Badminton** at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Badminton at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call (705)766-9968 for more information.
- **December 24: The Dorset Recreation Centre** will be closed today at noon until January 2nd.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



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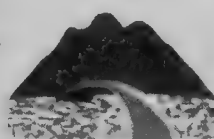
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The regular scheduled council meeting to be held Thursday, January 2, 2003 has been cancelled.

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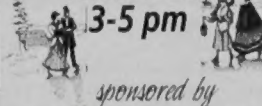
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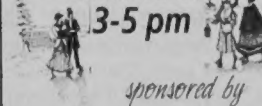
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Herb, Heidi and Mika Titze

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MARJORIE HANNAH JANE WATT - The family of Marjory Watt would like to thank the Nursing Staff of Hyland Crest for their loving care and understanding, who gave their time and energies, to those who provided dietary, housekeeping activities, hairdressing which made her feel so good; to the Office Staff for their guidance and favours such as passing e-mails or notes for Mom from her family, grandchildren and friends. For all the cards, letters, prayers of moral support from friends and family, to those who visited, to volunteers who made mom's stay so enjoyable, to musicians for their music which brought back wonderful memories of nights at the farm with Uncle Art, Uncle Wes and Aunt Polly. To Dr. Roos for his continuing care, to Campbells for their beautiful flower arrangements and to Barry and Kirsten Cray of Monk's Funeral Home; for everyone's help and understanding in our time of need. A special thanks to the Minden Hospital Ladies Auxiliary for the luncheon provided after the funeral. We would also like to thank the Pastoral Services, especially Rev. Dan Millard for his exceptional service for our mother. God Bless - **Nora, Stanley, Brenda, Bill, Sheila and Bradley.**

440 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF the late Doris Barkwell would like to thank family and friends for their support and kindness during our mother's illness and passing. Many thanks to Dr. Gammon and the staff of the Haliburton Hospital for their care. Thank you to Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their kindness during this time. Special thanks to all of the clergy that took part in a wonderful service. Thanks also to all the ladies who helped with the luncheon at the Kinmount Baptist Church after the service. Doris was a very active member of the Kinmount Baptist Church for over 60 years. She was a very kind and generous woman who touched everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and community. **Jane, John, Dan and families.**

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CORA HEWITT
Passed away peacefully
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At the age of 93.

Beloved wife of the late John J. Hewitt. Dear mother of Eleanor Addison and her husband Frank, the late Lewis Hewitt (Jean), Don Kenwell and his wife Flora. Loving grandmother of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister Bertha Carpenter, Marion Jones, and Ethel Cowan. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden on Friday, December 13, 2002, from 12:30 p.m. until time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung. Memorial donations to the Shepherd Lodge would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden. CA

MARILYN COWAN
(nee Barry)

Passed away at home with
her family by her side on
Wednesday,
December 11, 2002
In her 70th year.

Beloved wife of Russell Cowan. Dear mother of Kim and her husband Paul Wilson of Haliburton, Chris and his wife Kim Cowan of Haliburton. Loving grandmother of Lauren, Adam, Jeffrey, Hilary, Brady and Paige. Dear sister of Lola (the late William) Sims, Bernice (Percy) Dunford, Lloyd (Marion) Barry. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Thursday. Then to the Haliburton United Church for Funeral Service on Friday, December 13, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment at the Evergreen Cemetery. If you wish to make a donation in Marilyn's memory, it can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). Our Mom

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For you my friend, my mom
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That we can't go on,
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A light in the distance,
Will help us go on.
Love, your Family.

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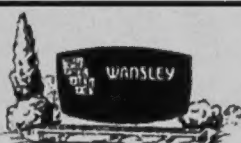
**MARJORIE HANNAH
JANE WATT**
Passed away peacefully at
the Hyland Crest Senior
Citizens, Minden, on
Sunday, December 8, 2002
In her 86th year.

Beloved wife of the late Phurness Watt. Dear mother of Nora (Robert McMinn) of Lethbridge, Alta., Stanley (Phyllis) of Haliburton, Brenda (Tom Henderson) of Haliburton, Sheila (Ed Burke) of Minden, Bradley (Donna) of Kingston and Bill Davis (Freda) of Haliburton (son by choice, brother by family approval). Loving grandmother of fifteen grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren and predeceased by her brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, on Tuesday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Reception followed in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial donations to the Hyland Crest Resident's Council or to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family. CA

STEWART, BERNEICE (Resident of Extendicare-Haliburton): At Extendicare-Haliburton on Thursday afternoon, December 12, 2002, in her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Conebeare and the late Lorne Stewart. Loving mother of Brier Conebeare of Haliburton and Dawn (Tony Colgan) of Toronto. Loving Gram of Bill Colgan (Lori), Amanda Colgan and Wendy Dixon. Great grandma of Ashley Colgan. Dear sister of Beryl Moon and Glen Blair of Haliburton. Predeceased by her daughter Renee Dixon, her son Blake Conebeare and sister Ruby Cooper and Joseph Blair. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209, on Friday evening, December 13, 2002 from 7-9 p.m. Then to HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, December 14, 2002 from 2 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 3 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. CA

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MIGHTON, WILLIAM (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario): At Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, December 6, 2002, in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Ruby Statten. Loving father of Joan (Joe Linnell) of Saskatchewan, Marilyn (Bob Davis) and Colleen (Ian Douglas), all of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jennifer, Kevin, Michelle, Nancy, Jeremy and Arlen and his great grandchildren Tanner, Trevor and Trey, Jeremy and Haley. Dear brother of Bob of Toronto and Harry (Enid) of Alliston. Predeceased by his sister Eileen and his brother Gordon. Also, lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews, Bill was a veteran of the Second World War, a long member of the Broadview 'Y' and a retired employee of the former T. Eaton Co. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, (705) 457-9209 on Friday evening, December 13, 2002 from 7-9 p.m. Then to ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Mountain St., Haliburton, on Saturday morning, December 14, 2002 at 11 o'clock. Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family. A Legion Service was held at the Funeral Home on Friday evening, December 13, 2002 at 8 o'clock. CA



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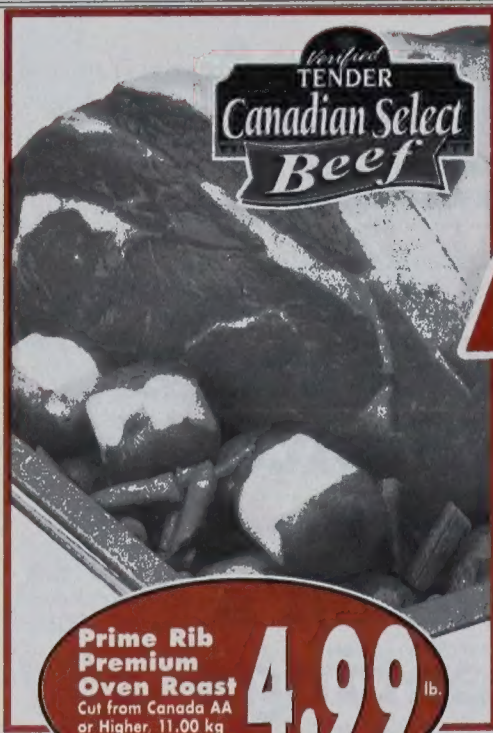
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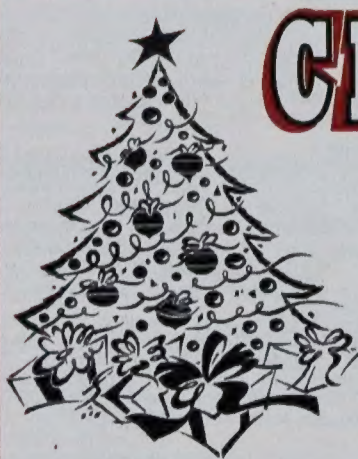
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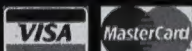
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